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Québec slow to get clean bus fuel

by Rebecca Handford

New American clean-air regulations may pave the way for Montréal city buses to run on natural gas fuels.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set new norms this year regulating permissible quantities of pollution for public vehicles. The Canadian government has accepted the norms in principle, and they are set to become law by 1993.

Reacting to the new federal guidelines, the Montréal Transit Commission (STCUM) is researching bus engines running on hythane, a mixture of methane and hydrogen gases.

"I think we could reduce exhaust pollution from city buses by 80 per cent," said Jean-Marie O'Hearn, director of planning and technical services at STCUM.

But this does not mean an end to bus pollution problems in Montréal. The technology would only be installed on new buses, said O'Hearn.

"We do not expect to convert all city vehicles to this form of fuel in the foreseeable future," she said.

Over the past decade, Montréal has repeatedly studied vehicle pollution reduction projects. None have gone beyond the experimental phase. Transit activists blame a lack of governmental initiative for pollution control.

"What is really needed in Québec is support from the highest levels of government," said Guy Chartrand, president of the public transport lobby group Transport 2000.

"If the environment was a priority, it would get the kind of funding and support it needs."

In comparison to other provinces, Québec's environmental policies are reactive rather than progressive, said Chartrand.

In British Columbia, the costs, subsidies, and legislation for conversion of individual vehicles over to natural gas power are similar to Québec. Yet in B.C., consumer demand for cleaner cars is much higher.

The difference is government

support for projects such as converting public transport over to natural gas, said B.C. Gas spokesperson Jack Touhey.

"Since the early 1980s, the B.C. government has consistently supported natural gas conversion," said Touhey. "Pat McGeer, then Minister for Science, made vehicle pollution his concern, and that really helped gas conversion get

started."

The Transit Commission's \$4 million research project is funded largely by the Québec government. Researchers will experiment with new hythane-burning engines, new refuelling techniques, and increasing the safety of hydrogen fuel. O'Hearn expects to see the first new buses on the road in a year, if the research is successful.

Exhibit offensive to First Nations

by Kristen Hutchinson

Montréal lesbian and gay groups have criticized an exhibition included in Montréal's 350th anniversary. *Les histoires de nos vies* will present a history of the lesbian and gay experience in Montréal.

Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia (LGFC) co-ordinator Jason Boyd said participating in the anniversary has created a "bit of a split" in the lesbian and gay community.

"To celebrate the history of the founding of Montréal is to condone the injustices done to aboriginal peoples," said Boyd.

Diffusion Gaies et Lesbien du Québec (DGLQ) received funding from the municipal and federal governments to stage the two-part exhibition.

Alan Klusacek, DGLQ member and coordinator of *Les histoires de nos vies*, said there will also be activities involving indigenous peoples examining the history of Montréal from their perspective.

"To suppress lesbian and gay history of oppression because other people are oppressed makes no sense," said Klusacek. "If no one talks about oppression, then the power of those in power is reaffirmed."

Boyd said all the city's gay and lesbian groups were contacted by city organizers and money was purposely set aside for this endeavour. LGFC decided not to participate.

"There have been many undesirable events in Montréal's history. We need to have a critical eye to understand exactly what the founding of the city meant. This anniversary is not moving towards this."

But members of DGLQ accepted the city's offer: "We demanded participation in the city celebration because we were afraid and concerned that it would be a typical straight, male history of Montréal."

Klusacek described their activi-

ties as an exploration of "history in its larger sense, being comprised of many different communities, voices and experiences in the gay and lesbian community."

But Sam Buggeln of Lesbian, Bisexuals and Gays of McGill said DGLQ did not invite any other groups to work on the exhibition.

"It was not done with any input from the student community. Neither Concordia or McGill were contacted. The activities are not exactly a grassroots thing," said Buggeln.

Concordia and UQAM are also co-sponsoring an international gay and lesbian studies colloquium next year. According to Boyd, the colloquium is not part of the 350th anniversary and has received no funding from the city.

"Concordia's student association was adamant in making sure that Concordia did not participate

in the celebration," said Boyd.

Les histoires de nos vies will be made up of two parts. In June, there will be accounts of oral history by senior members of the gay and lesbian communities. Anglophone and Francophone lesbian and gay writers will also read from their work.

An exhibition in November 1992 will display the "socio-cultural history" of homosexual male experience in Montréal. The exhibit will draw from a collection of gay cultural documentation including rare books, documents and works of art.

Bruce Russell the curator of the exhibition said, "to understand the development of an urban community it is necessary to explore all aspects of its history, ranging from the political to economic, through cultural and social factors including sexuality."

Bank of Montréal funds anti-choice group

VICTORIA (CUP)—Victoria feminists are urging a boycott of the Bank of Montreal because the bank provides an anti-choice credit card.

"We're saying take your business elsewhere, and let them know you find [the credit card] morally and personally offensive," said Morag Martin, a volunteer at the Victoria Status of Women Action Group (SWAG).

Any organization can apply at the Bank of Montréal for an affinity card. A small percentage of each transaction made on the cards goes to fund the organization.

Affinity cards were previously available only to universities, but are now used by 200 groups, including the anti-choice group Alliance for Life.

The Victoria Status of Women Action Group is urging women to cut up their Mastercards and mail them back to the Bank of Montréal with a letter of explanation.

"We're not preventing them from doing business, just trying to underline the point to them that public opinion matters," said Martin. "Would they have a KKK or an Aryan Nations card? I don't think so."

But according to John Quinn, manager of affinity cards for the Bank of Montréal, the KKK or Aryan Nations wouldn't qualify for other reasons.

"A group must have a broad base of Canadian support and not be militant in its nature," he said.

He said he didn't know whether anti-choice groups could be defined as fringe, and he said he was unfamiliar with polls indicating a majority of Canadians support a woman's right to choose an abortion.

Cards are also offered to groups based on their membership size, age of the organization and relative income of the members, Quinn

said. Granting affinity cards does not mean the group is endorsed by the bank, he added.

Martin disagreed.

"It says on the ad the Bank of Montréal will donate a percentage to Alliance for Life," she said. "If that's not an endorsement, what is? The bank is seen to be endorsing it."

"That's instant credibility right there."

Susanne Klausen, a member of the University of Victoria's women's centre, said the bank should have guidelines about the kinds of groups that qualify for the card.

"Other organizations like labour groups, environmental groups, or political groups (who also have affinity cards) are for something, but this group is against women's rights."

"Whether they want to or not, they are making political choices," she said. "Where will they draw the line?"

Catherine Clark, a UVic student

councillor, said she closed her account at the Bank of Montréal after she learned about the affinity card.

"Approximately 80 per cent of bank employees are women. What kind of respect are they showing for their employees?" said Clark.

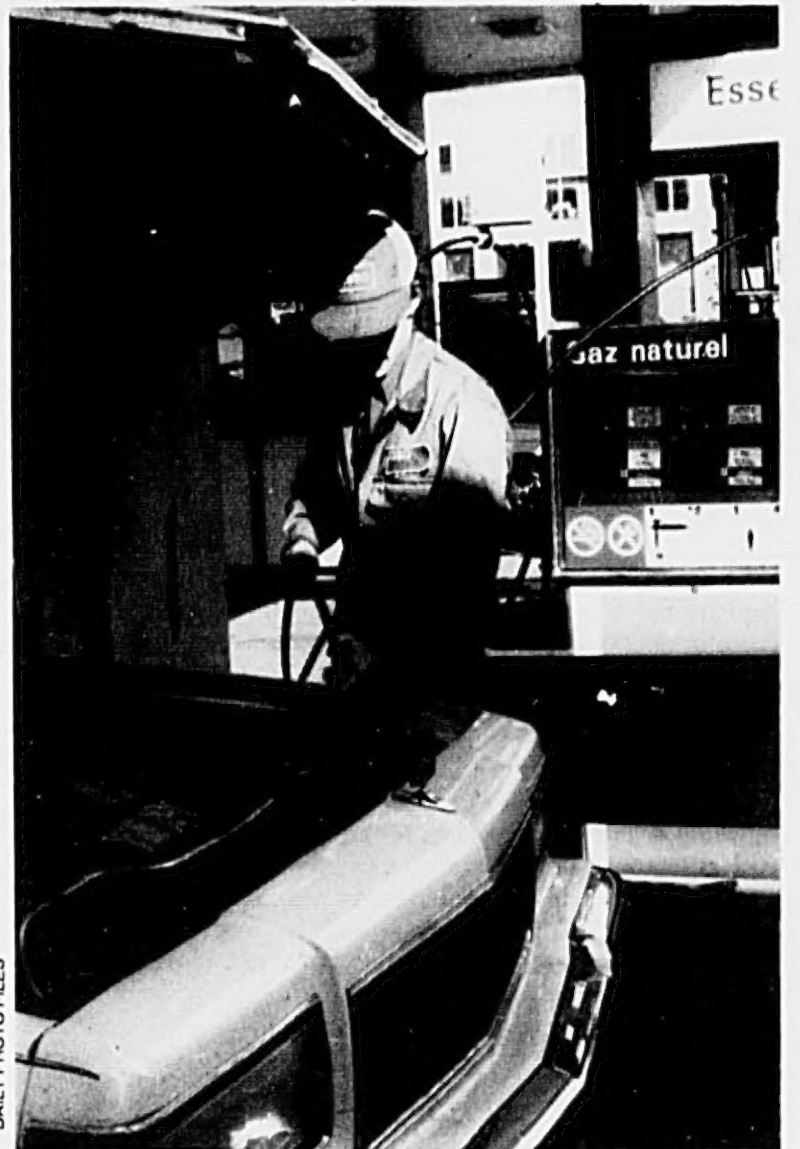
Nita Spratt, a volunteer at the Victoria Pro-Life office, said the card definitely makes an impact.

"The card is in fact helping the general cause," she said.

Whenever a card holder makes a purchase using the card, the bank gives a percentage of the total sale to the organization. Affinity card users also benefit through a reduced MasterCard interest rate.

National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) vice president Marianne Alto said the national women's organization is considering dropping NAC's affinity card.

"What it basically comes down to is a question of money versus principles," she said.



Why not wash the windows while you're at it?

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COMMENT

Womanly perfection

Alright, we admit it, we watched the Miss Canada pageant on Monday. Not that we enjoyed it, of course not. Not politically correct us! It was just that it was, well, morbidly fascinating. Forty-two emaciated women, with glittering smiles painted on their faces all participating in a spectacle which was billed as a celebration of their "poise, personality and intellect" — what a television bonanza!

The contestants were meant to set the standard for all Canadians; career-oriented, physically fit, and caring towards others. Just like women should be, right? Women were attached to those wonder products such as high heel shoes and bright, luminous makeup. Mega corps such as Revlon, fur producers and various clothing designers used the preening beauties to sell their wares. Women nervously posed for the cameras, while smiling announcers read superficial summaries of their lives, and judges weighed their womanly merits.

We began to think of plots to subvert the process. We too could be Miss Canada. But if we were asked what is most important to us we would not say "children" or the "nuclear family." We would tell the whole establishment to fuck off and invite the rest of the contestants to join an anarcho-feminist commune in Northern B.C.

But while we joked and laughed, the whole spectacle was still quite painful. This televised search for womanly perfection brought up some difficult memories. We grew up forming our identities, not only in relation to our family and friends, but to the baleful scrutiny of the mirror. We were always too fat, too ugly, our clothes were all wrong and so on and so on.

If we had trouble making friends in school, if our parents were controlling our lives then there was one way to assert our independence as human beings; to devote all our energy and will to being smart, achieving, athletic, thin and pretty — just like on TV.

For some young women, this quest for perfection turns into a nightmare. Thin is never thin enough and the process of starving or purging becomes more important than anything else. If they stop, then they are giving in, and they see themselves as losing control of their lives.

While Miss Montréal, Miss Interior of B.C., and Miss Medicine Hat parade on stage, women are dying.

Don't misunderstand us. We're not blaming beauty pageants and commercials alone for eating disorders. They are only symptoms of the disease in the rest of society. But please, we should be fighting the mentality behind beauty pageants, not celebrating it.

This is a society where human dignity is not valued because hey, it's not a money-maker. Better to sell skin cream and diet pills than to worry about a few lives.

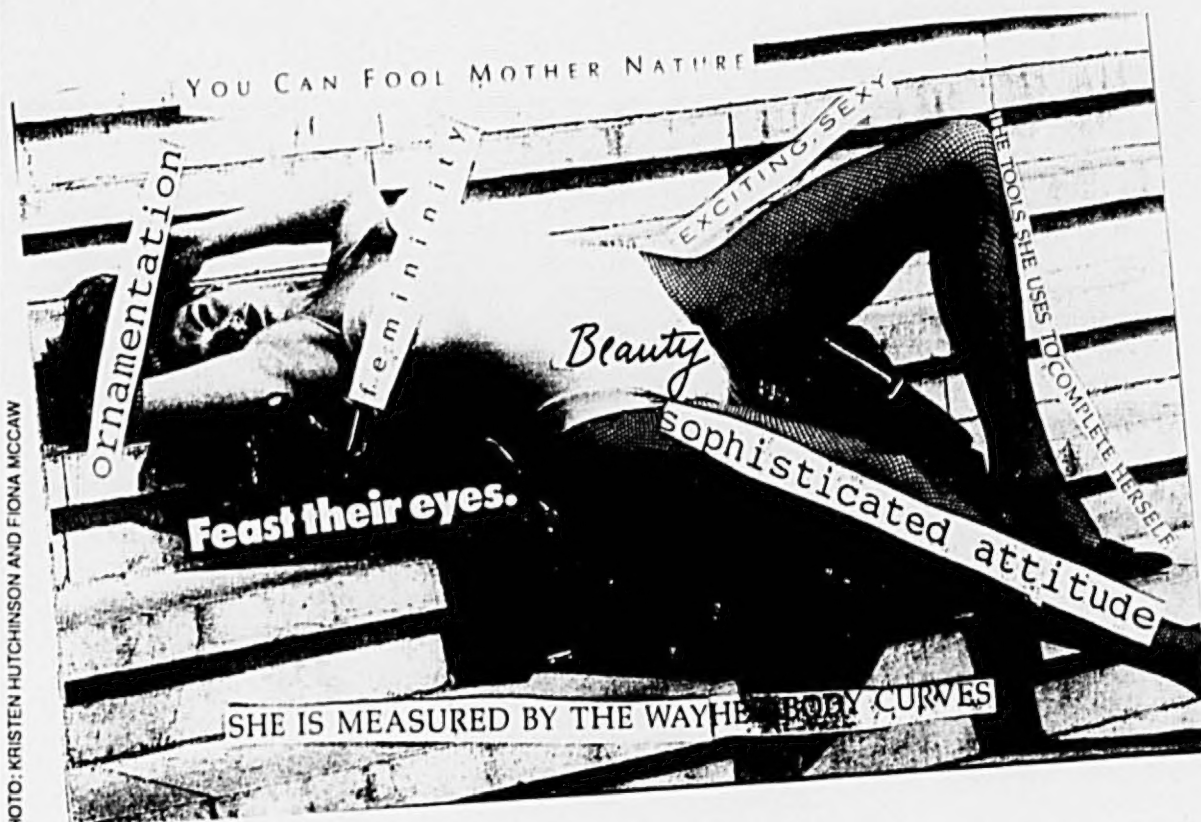
Meanwhile, we try not to take things so seriously. We drink our tea, we joke, and we enjoy the glitter.

Congratulations, Miss Canada 1992.

Kristen Hutchinson

Rebecca Handford

Fiona McCaw



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P.S. The best number to reach me at is 398-6778/9. Please do not contact me at my home number.

All three club reps have office hours in the council lounge on Fridays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Julie Dzerowicz,

Clubs Rep to Council

Ed. note: The Daily intended to print only the phone numbers which are public. Two private phone numbers were printed in the comment unintentionally. A council rep actually provided us with one of the numbers. The Daily apologizes for the error.

Protected by ennui from multi-unique effusions

To the Daily:

It has been pointed out to me that my name was mentioned in an article in the McGill Daily of 15 October 1991 (page 6) entitled "Environmental crisis exaggerated?" The author of the article is listed as being Mr. Daniel Koffler.

Mr. Koffler purports to quote me directly as saying — in class — that "In my opinion most of the environmental issues are b'llsh*t." Mr. Koffler, whoever he is, did not take the trouble to verify the statement. Who is he? Is he too timid to interview a professor?

The quotation is incorrect and does not reflect my thinking or opinions. It is only sensible, for example, to "clean up the mess" wherever it may be. However I do think that the "greenhouse effect", an "effect" quite devoid of observational or experimental evidence, is "baloney", and I did indeed use that work in class. The word is an Americanism, to be sure, but it is concise, expressive and descriptive in the particular context.

The word "b'llsh*t" is not suited for

polite conversation, which surely encompasses lectures to students. To attribute such a comment to a professor is harmful. After all, what would the Deans and Vice-Principals think? Or the members of the Board of Governors? Or the Royal Visitor? I can only hope that their collective ennui has made them resistant to the multi-unique effusions of the McGill Daily.

I wish to say I forgive Mr. Koffler for his negligent stupidity since he probably can not help it. Clearly he is at the very bottom of the learning curve and a wonderful candidate for the educational magic of McGill University. The University is not "Number One" for nothing; the professors have had much practice in making silk purses — there is hope for Mr. Koffler.

On the same page, immediately adjacent to the offending article, was yet another production of Mr. Koffler entitled "Greenhouse theory not untrue". That one really was b'llsh*t.

Richard Stevenson
Professor of Physics

ed note: The writer in question stands by the quote and has verified the quote with other students who attended the lecture.

Rant Sheet

To the Daily:

Re: "Who's your campus voice?"
Who's my campus voice? Definitely not the Tribune and definitely not the Daily. Nonetheless, I wish to assure the respective editors of these publications — and, in turn, I wish them to reassure their advertisers — that no glossy and (presumably) well-written national student "rag" could possibly tear me

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away from the real student press. Yes, Trib and Daily, even if you are reduced to single page, mimeographed rant sheets with no office space and no advertising revenue, I would still seek you out religiously.

By the way, your self-assessment as "a forum for discussion and debate within a local community of students" strikes me as a little self-serving. Might I suggest: "organizations like ours provide an expensive and wasteful soap box for self-righteous posturing and an occasional insightful and/or amusing letter."

M. Doerksen
Visiting Student
Biology

Ivory Tower

To the Daily:

Open letter to Scott Mitic:
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Québec PIRG, we would like to express our concern with the recent SSMU policy of "moving away from non-educational political issues," as expressed in the Daily article of September 18, 1991. This new policy was cited in the article as the reason behind the demotion of the South African Committee from a "Committee a Council" to simply an interest group.

Firstly, we believe that such a decision must be taken in consultation with the student body. Ultimately, it is the student body who should decide whether the SSMU should represent it on issues which are not purely educational.

Québec PIRG is an organization formed through a student referendum, and which seeks to develop citizenship skills in students. As members of Québec

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Intrusion on privacy

To the Daily:

Your inclusion of the private telephone numbers of certain members of council in your editorial dated October 26, 1991 was not only a complete violation of privacy but also a through disregard for journalistic ethics.

While the fate of the South African Committee (SAC) budget is an important issue, certainly the Daily staff could have envisioned a more constructive way of encouraging support than invading the private lives of the members of council. For a group of individuals who claim to be so intensely socially conscious, an invasion of privacy such as this is nothing short of being both inconsistent and hypocritical.

While the attempt to rouse support for SAC is commendable, this could have been achieved through other means. Any students wishing to voice their opinion on this issue (or any other issue for that matter), could easily have contacted the representative to council by any of three ways: 1) every council member has a mailbox that is located at the SSMU counter, and the SSMU office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 2) all reps to council have an office number at which they can be contacted; and 3) every rep to council also has office hours during which they are available to their constituents.

In the future, the Daily should be more considerate in making their decisions and not act in such an irresponsible and disrespectful manner.

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One in 16 tenured profs in Science faculty are women McGill's equity adviser faces uphill battle

by Sarah Margolius

As of last year, six McGill faculties had no tenured women staff. The greatest discrepancy in salary between male and female professors was \$11 139.

McGill's hiring procedures only maintain the status quo, according to Honora Shaughnessy, the director of McGill's newly created Equity Office.

"The Equity Office will act as an agent for change in the community," said Shaughnessy.

But she said the office, created in September, is responsible for monitoring the hiring of people from underrepresented groups at McGill. She said the office is an "evolving information centre" that will recommend policy changes to McGill's administration.

"The office will provide the background information for departments to change their employment policies," said Shaughnessy.

But she conceded the office "won't wield power per se." Shaughnessy currently staffs the office, and expects to have another staff person by the end of the month.

McGill released its Employment Equity Report on Women last May. The report said that although women represent half the enrollment in the Faculty of Science, only 6.6 per cent of tenured Science staff are women.

The report said McGill departments have free reign regarding hiring procedures that are detrimental to the hiring of women.

The most frequently-cited mode of recruitment is "word of mouth," the report said.

The autonomous nature of hiring procedures is "consistent with the McGill principle of the best candidate for the job," Shaughnessy said.

"Yet, McGill's hiring procedures can allow for a certain amount of inbreeding."

McGill's Deans were unanimous in their opposition to affirmative action hiring policies when interviewed for the report in 1990. Shaughnessy said she supported "pro-active" hiring techniques, but she agreed with the deans.

"What departments need to do is go out and look for qualified women—call up colleagues at other

universities and identify qualified female Ph.D students," she said.

"Affirmative action implies quotas, while employment equity changes the whole system."

The office will also monitor McGill's compliance with the Federal Contractors Program. As a participant in the FCP, McGill is required to increase hiring of First Nations peoples, women, people with disabilities and visible minorities or be disqualified from bidding on federal contracts over \$200 000.

McGill's employment equity report didn't study the university's hiring of women of colour and women with disabilities, or any of the other target groups referred to by the FCP.

Shaughnessy said women of colour and disabled women would be studied in a future report.

The equity report is McGill's fourth since 1970. However, the percentage of tenured women staff has remained unchanged at 17 per cent.

Shaughnessy said the climate has changed since 1970 and women are gaining ground.

"The 1970 report discussed daycare, pensions and recommended other implementations," she said.

"But now there is a beginning of new awareness of women being discriminated against. Now there are more women being appointed to higher positions in the administration."

Shaughnessy referred to the re-



Honora Shaughnessy, director of the McGill Equity Office.

cent appointments of two female associate deans on MacDonald College and in the Faculty of Education. Policies and recommendations

regarding employment equity will be dealt with by an administration committee on equity, which Shaughnessy sits on.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dinkins rebuked in Montréal by-election

New York mayor, David Dinkins, has been criticized for personally supporting Leith Hamilton in the upcoming municipal by-election in Notre-Dame-de-Grace (NDG).

Dinkins gave his support to Hamilton, a candidate for the governing MCM party, after he was approached by MCM leader Jean Doré during a recent visit to Montréal.

In a letter outlining Doré's weak political stand on racial and minority policies, leader of the municipal opposition Sam Boskey apologized to Dinkins for being asked to interfere in Montréal politics.

"Dinkins doesn't know Montréal and I'm pretty sure no one told him about Doré's lousy politics," said Boskey.

Boskey suggested that the support from Dinkins and Hamilton, both black, may be interpreted by some as strengthening Doré's administrative position on racial and minority issues.

"When Hamilton loses, it won't be because he's black, it'll be because he represents Doré."

Jocelyn Campbell, press secretary for the municipal Executive Committee, defended the endorsement.

"Dinkins is an experienced politician who has been in contact with many black members in Montréal," she said. "He personally supported Mr. Hamilton and is comfortable with Mayor Doré's position."

"The democratic opposition is

jealous that Mr. Hamilton is not running for them," she said.

There has been no reply from Dinkins.

— A. J. White

BC profs may get right to unionize

VANCOUVER (CUP) — British Columbia university professors may soon be legally allowed to unionize.

During the election period members of the newly elected NDP government in B.C. promised to repeal provincial legislation preventing university faculty from unionizing. B.C. professors are now waiting to see if the party's promises will be put into effect.

In 1977, the Social Credit government passed a law forbidding university teachers from forming unions. B.C. is the only province with such legislation on the books. College and institute instructors in B.C. are free to form unions.

Tom Bell, head of the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C., said the right to unionize is fundamental. And University of British Columbia faculty association president William Cullen agreed.

"The important thing is to get that right back that we have been denied so long and then go from there," said Cullen.

"What the faculty will do once they get that right is up to them," he said.

The law preventing university faculty unions was condemned by the International Labour Organization in a March 1990 ruling.

— Rick Hiebert

Students from wealthy families more likely to attend university

by Dawn Mitchell

HALIFAX (CUP) — University students in Nova Scotia tend to come from high-income families from counties with higher-than-average incomes, according to a recent study.

The survey of university students, conducted by the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS), confirmed that there is a "strong relationship" between enrolment in university and family income.

SUNS chair Scott McCrossin said he is excited about the findings.

"We now have proof that [more] people from above-average income families are getting into university [than those from lower-income families]," he said.

"We have data to prove what we have been saying for years and the government has no argument against us now."

Meanwhile, students without substantial financial backing from their parents are accumulating huge debt loads, the study suggests.

Thirty-two per cent of financially dependent students and 36 per cent of independent students — as defined by the Canada Student Loan program — had an accumulated student loan debt between \$6000 and \$12 000 at the end of the 1990-91 academic year, according to the study.

"These numbers won't go down," McCrossin said. "And even if the government offers more loans, it won't be an incentive for education."

SUNS wants the provincial government to create more summer employment programs and make bur-sary allotments larger.

But provincial education minister Ron Giffin said he is not optimistic about the chances for these changes. "We are operating in a difficult financial climate and a number of the suggestions involve significant expenditures of taxpayers' money which we don't have," he said.

Other findings in the report included:

- Half of the students aged 30 and under who did not live with a spouse reported combined parental income of over \$45,000. 17 per cent reported parental income of over \$75,000

- 64 per cent of students from low income families (under \$20,000) and 47 per cent of students from moderate income families cited student loans as their largest source of income

- 22 per cent of survey respondents said they would be in debt between \$6000 and \$12,000 after 1990-91. 10 per cent said they would be over \$12,000 in debt

- 67 per cent of women and 59 per cent of men will incur debt for their educational costs, and women overall will have a higher total debt

- 38 per cent of students reported that they planned to work between one and 15 hours per week during the academic year. 8 per cent planned to work between 16 and 20 hours per week

- 56 per cent of students saved less than \$1458 (required by the Canada Student Loans program) during the summer of 1990

Giffin said the provincial student aid advisory committee will review the report, and send recommendations to cabinet.

Survey results were based on responses from 3270 students at nine universities in Nova Scotia.

FREE TRADE:

Alex Roslin
and Peter Clibbon

Daily: How angry are people about free trade?

David Orchard: The media and politicians would like everyone to think that the free trade issue has gone away. But we find when we go across the country, that people are still interested in free trade because it concerns Canada's independence. They are worried that if we don't have an economic border with the United States, soon we will lose our political border also.

It's true people are getting angrier since the deal was signed, but people were opposed to free trade before, too. In the last election, Mulroney only got 43 per cent of the vote. The problem was there were two opposition parties which fought each other instead of Mulroney, so he won the election.

A Decima poll recently said that 60 per cent of Canadians are opposed to the current free trade talks with Mexico, and 55 per cent want the free trade deal with the U.S. cancelled.

Do you think free trade has created an economic crisis in the country?

There's no question. Mulroney promised that free trade would give us "jobs, jobs, jobs." In 1988, he said free trade would create 250 000 new jobs.

Instead, we've lost 500 000 jobs in the first two years of this deal. Twenty per cent of our entire manufacturing capacity has pulled out of the country.

Mulroney said free trade would mean cheaper prices for consumers. Every home was supposed to get \$800 in their pockets from free trade. Instead, inflation has risen and we have a brand new tax, the GST. Prices have actually gone up.

Before the GST we had a tax on manufacturing corporations, but those companies told Mulroney: "either you eliminate the tax or we're going to leave Canada and go to the U.S." You and I can't go to the United States. So, Mulroney got rid of the manufacturing tax and imposed the Goods and Services Tax on consumers.

Mulroney also said free trade would finally give Canadian companies secure access to the richest market in the world, the United States. But in fact we now have



David Orchard

more trade harassments by the U.S. than we did before we signed the deal. The Americans want Canada to remove subsidies on West Coast fish, lobsters, beer, meat, potatoes. There's a whole long list. Canada didn't get a thing out of the free trade deal in terms of giving Canadian companies more access to the American market.

Sovereignty

Do you think Canada's sovereignty is threatened by free trade?

Absolutely. Since this deal was signed, Canada has agreed with every foreign policy move of the United States. We're now as likely to contradict the U.S. on the world stage as the state of California.

For example, the Americans are saying they want to move the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia 30 miles south. They want to build a naval base for nuclear submarines in Dixon Entrance, and are seizing Canadian fishing boats which go into the area they're claiming. The boats are impounded and the Americans sell their catch. Canadian fishers actually have to pay \$50 000 to get their

boats back.

Mulroney has just asked for our territorial integrity.

Do you think free trade is a threat to us by American interests? Or, was Brian Mulroney the main proponent of the deal?

Many people say Brian Mulroney was desperate for the free trade deal and begged the Americans for it. We don't agree with that.

When Mulroney was elected, Joe Clark for the leadership of the Conservative party in 1983 was a danger to Canada. We'd hear no more from him. But eight days after he was elected prime minister, he called a conference — not in Canada, but in London at Ronald Reagan's announced he was standing on free trade with the United States.

The background to this was that in 1983 the U.S. ambassador Paul Robinson, called the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Ottawa. Robinson said the Americans had just signed a deal with Israel, and the next one with Canada next.

Brian Mulroney wants to turn Canada into another Hawaii, says

David Orchard, head of Citizens Concerned about Free Trade.

Orchard has crossed the country several times reminding Canadians that Hawaii once signed a free trade pact with the U.S., similar to Canada's free trade agreement. Twenty years later, Hawaii was a territory ruled from Washington.

And, Orchard says, Mulroney already seems to think of Canada as just another American state.

The Farm Crisis

Canadian farms are in a crisis. The latest demonstration against Ottawa's agriculture policy drew 7000 farmers to Regina last Thursday. But, David Orchard says, the media and politicians are whitewashing the crisis — blaming the crisis on a subsidy war between the U.S. and Europeans. The real culprit is free trade, Orchard says. Because of the free trade pact between Canada and the United States, American farm products are flooding into Canada like never before and knocking the bottom out of the prices. The price of grain is at a third of what it was during the Great Depression, and thousands of Canadian farmers are on the verge of bankruptcy. Orchard explains:

Thanks to free trade we've got a massive crisis on Canadian farms. Twenty per cent of Saskatchewan

grain farmers actually have foreclosure notices in their hands, and one in every six farmers in this country are

bankrupt. The average income for Canadian farmers has fallen to around \$4000 a year, after expenses.

The politicians explain the crisis by blaming it on a subsidy war between the U.S. and Europeans. They say the U.S. subsidies are the cause of the crisis, and that the Americans don't have a harder time than we do. But the war is not the cause of the crisis. The same corporations that are subsidizing the grain in Europe are also subsidizing the grain in Canada.

CANADA'S FIRE SALE

But Robinson said it couldn't look like the Americans are calling the shots, or there would be a backlash among Canadians. So, Canadian companies must pick up the ball and make it look like the free trade idea is coming out of Canada.

And that's when we saw business associations pushing for free trade, like the Canadian Petroleum Association and the Canadian Manufacturers Association.

But what's funny is that they call themselves Canadian. They're about as Canadian as the Dallas Cowboys because they're made up of mostly American multinationals operating in Canada.

Manifest Destiny

So, the Americans were the ones who pushed for the deal.

Yes. The idea of an economic union between Canada and the U.S. has a long history, and it used to be called "Manifest Destiny." This is the idea of incorporating Canada into the U.S. to ensure free access to Canadian resources. It goes back 200 years.

We actually have the distinction of being the first country to be invaded by the United States — in 1776, when Benjamin Franklin took over Québec City and Montréal. They invaded again in 1812.

After that, the Americans turned to commercial means of seizing Canadian resources. When the Americans purchased Alaska from the Russians in 1867, they said it wasn't Alaska so much they wanted as everything between Alaska and the U.S.

But if free trade is only in the interests of the Americans, why would a Canadian prime minister be so enthusiastic about the idea?

Our position is that the Canadian government no longer represents the interests of even Canadian business. The Mulroney government simply works directly for the American multinational corporations which control half of the Canadian economy.

There are all sorts of examples. Mulroney has started to dismantle the institutions which hold the country together — the rail links, the CBC, the social programs. There's growing animosity between the English and French, between the whites and native people. Meech Lake was a further attempt to balkanize and

split up the country.

A Conservative government in Saskatchewan signed a deal not long ago to build the Rafferty-Alameda dam to provide the Americans with water. But when the Canadian government and the people of Saskatchewan said there has to be an environmental study of the dam, the province said, listen, we signed a deal with Washington, and that overrides Canadian federal law.

Grassroots Opposition

Is it even possible for a movement to arise here that could successfully oppose free trade, considering how much of Canada is already in American hands?

There is already a movement. In the 1891 election and in the one in 1911, around 52 per cent of Canadians voted both times against economic union with the U.S. In the 1988 election, the numbers actually increased, with 57 per cent of Canadians voting against free trade.

This is especially striking when you consider the unprecedented campaign waged by the deal's supporters during the election. The Mulroney government itself spent \$30 million of taxpayers' money pushing for free trade. American business stepped into our election in an unprecedented way and spent over \$20 million through their subsidiaries in Canada.

On our side, we had a few thousand dollars sent in by citizens across the country. It was completely a one-sided battle, and yet more Canadians voted against free trade than at any time in our history.

If the NDP and the Liberals had worked together, they could have won up to 210 seats in the House of Commons and defeated free trade.

What alternative does Canada have to this free trade agreement?

There are alternative visions to running a country, you know. We're the second largest country in the world, and we have resources that other countries can only dream of. Instead, we have a million Canadians eating out of foodbanks while our resources are being pumped out from under us by American corporations.

Mulroney is saying it doesn't matter who owns the economy, as long as they provide jobs. Well, I'm a farmer. You

can't tell me it doesn't matter who owns my farm. I know that if someone else owns my farm, they get to say jump, and I get to say how high. It's exactly the same story for Canada.

The first thing we have to do is to stop giving Americans control of our economy. We must take positive steps to regain control of our resources and economy.

Of course, the Americans are not going to say, oh, you want your country back? Here it is. The Americans don't take kindly to people or countries that want control over their economy back. Take Chile as an example.

What we think will work is if the NDP and Liberals form an electoral coalition in the next election, and tear up the free trade agreement when they win. It would be much harder for the Americans to destabilize an alliance of two major political parties with broad support from Canadians.

We're at a stage that if we don't form a strong alliance against American business, we're going to simply become a territory of the United States, like Puerto Rico or Hawaii.



The Constitution

Orchard also commented on the current constitutional reforms and Québec separatism:

The constitution is the only way Brian Mulroney can think of to divert our attention from the disaster in the Canadian economy. We've got a perfectly good constitution in place right now. At least, nobody has told me what's wrong with it. But Mulroney wants to make 28 changes to the constitution, and he's trying to get the whole country to talk about them.

For example, he wants us to talk about whether we're going to elect the Senate. Our house is on fire, our economy is being taken over, and we're supposed to sit down in the living room with the arsonist who set the fire and talk about the future sofa arrangements. What difference does it make if we elect the Senate, when all the major decisions are made in Washington.

We're saying the first thing to do is to put the fire out — which means tearing up the Free Trade Agreement and getting rid of Mr Mulroney and his crew.

This whole business of the constitution is simply a diversion to take people away from what's really happening. And we can see it's not even working. A recent poll said that less than 10 per cent of Canadians, including people in Québec, see the constitution as a national priority. But this is what Mulroney's struggling so mightily to produce.

The Bloc Québécois and the Parti Québécois are like the Reform Party in the West. They want to do away with the central government, and they see free trade as the way to escape from the oppression of Canada.

These people are dreaming. If they think Ottawa and English-speaking Canada have been hard on the aspirations of the people of Québec, I wonder what they think the tender mercies of Washington are going to be? The Americans are hardly going to accord the French-speaking population any more legitimacy or rights than the Canadian government has.

The pro-free trade sentiments of the separatists on both ends of this country are going to end up breaking Canada into pieces, and Western Canada and Québec are going to be assimilated into the United States.

An independent Québec has basically two options. One is to go the route of Louisiana, to be dragged into the U.S. and lose its culture. The other is to become a territory like Puerto Rico, which has a kind of special status with all real control resting in Washington.

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a crisis on Canadian farms,
you just have to take a close
look at the free trade talks
between Canada and the U.S.

The chief negotiator for
agriculture on the American
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U.S. undersecretary for
Agriculture. He was the
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advising the Canadian
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Very soon, Canada is
going to be dependent on the
U.S. even for the food we eat.
It's one more nail in the
coffin of our independence as
a nation.

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PIRG, we strongly believe that the position you are advocating only encourages an "ivory-tower" attitude towards the world that surrounds us. We cannot and must not pretend that political issues which are not strictly educational do not concern us and affect us.

Danièle MacKinnon
Daron Westman

A question

To the Daily:

As regards the so-called "war crimes tribunal" that is to lay charges against that well known Militarist Pig George Bush, I have a question.

In any war there are two sides. Iraq invaded and devastated the fiefdom of Kuwait. Its forces killed and tortured thousands of people and unleashed an ecological disaster of biblical proportions.

So, why is Saddam Hussain not on the list of people being charged?

If these well meaning people on the Tribunal want any real credibility the list of Villains should be longer.

Pierre LaRocque
U4 Drama

Charter rights limited

To the Daily:

The policy committee of PCMcGill meets to discuss and to formulate policy positions on topics relevant to Canadians. Recently, the committee discussed the government's package of Constitutional proposals.

The first discussion topic was the inclusion of property rights in the Charter. This issue was addressed in a *Daily* editorial by McCaw, Roslin, Clibbon and LeBaron.

The article engaged in bizarre flights of fancy, and included the preposterous notions that the inclusion of property rights in the Charter might allow the ownership of slaves, or permit restaurant owners "to refuse to serve African-Americans in their restaurants." This blatant distortion of the proposals confirms, yet again, the *Daily's* inability to engage in objective journalism.

Immediately after making the property rights proposal, the government reaffirmed that Charter rights are subject to reasonable limits consistent with the values of a free and democratic society. Thus, it occasionally occurs that an individual's rights must be limited when they conflict with the rights of others.

The proposal even includes an example to clarify this point, stating, "The right of free expression does not justify libel or hate literature." It should not be difficult, even for

the authors of the *Daily* article, to apply this principle to property rights, and to see why their claims are so patently unfounded.

The definition of property rights must be clearly defined. This will necessarily be the case in a Constitutional amendment, as opposed to the current, less precise format of general proposals.

Given that this is the case, and that property rights will be subject to the same limits imposed on all individual rights by the Charter, the membership of PCMcGill is in full support of entrenching property rights in the

Canadian Constitution.

Todd Roberts
Director of Communications
PCMcGill
B.Com U3

Against apartheid

To the Daily:

An open letter to the SSMU executive and all Council members:

It has been brought to our attention that the Students' Society of McGill is contemplating the demotion of the Southern Africa Committee to that of an interest group. We are also aware of the fact that the annual budget for the Southern Africa Committee is to endure a substantial decrease for the 1991-92 academic year.

The Social Work Students' Union is very much concerned with the issue of equality, justice and community involvement. With this in mind, the proposal to demote the status of the Southern Africa Committee concerns us greatly. Being that the current situation in South Africa is based on legislative and economic apartheid (blacks still cannot vote!), and being that McGill has a history of investment within the racist regime, the Social Work Students' Union strongly opposes any movement to demote, abolish or underfund the Southern Africa Committee. We feel it is our obligation as students and concerned individuals, to support a Students' Society Committee which is dedicated to the eradication of apartheid in all its manifestations.

Jody Max, VP-Internal
Lisa Lorenzetti, Secretary
On behalf of the Social Work Students' Union

Inkatha obstacle

To the Daily:

Firstly, I would like to thank Brigitte Herz and Kristen Hutchinson on their very informative article on women's struggles in South Africa.

The criticism I have to make is really self-directed. I am not questioning the accuracy with which the journalists recorded my comments, but rather am pointing to my failure to express myself clearly. In the articles my words imply that

Inkatha is a marginalized organization. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is an organization that for years has wielded its significant power to destabilize the anti-apartheid movement by terrorizing and killing anti-apartheid activists in South Africa. It has benefitted (and continues to as revealed by the recent "Inkathagate") from its frequent collaboration with the racist regime in South Africa. Inkatha's years of campaigning against sanctions and its extremely conservative economic and political policies have won it important support from Western

business interests. It stands as an important obstacle against the democratic movement and true liberation from the entrenched inequalities apartheid represents.

Inkatha will go down in the history books as an organization that successfully contributed to sabotaging the revolution in South Africa.

Thank you for giving me a chance to

regime. It has been rumoured that the SSMU really only objected to SAC's special status over other interest groups. Yet why lower the status of a group that has the power to raise an issue integral to the work of others on campus, including WUSC. As well SAC, with its direct link to SSMU resources, has been able to contribute greatly to social justice efforts on campus and off, beyond the politics of South Africa. For example last year SAC helped organize Anti-Racism Day activities and co-organized the 1990 Namibia symposium with WUSC.

We do not believe that when SAC is gone from SSMU meetings and its budget is slashed that it will be replaced by a more general social justice group. What is needed is more attention to social justice issues in our student society, and more groups directly advising SSMU policy, not less. But there appears to be a negative trend in the SSMU's policies on social issues, as if these were no longer important to the students they represent. We are also alarmed at the having of the Social Awareness Fund. If one SSMU's duties is not commitment to the social concerns of students then all we have is a neat kiosk and an entertainment committee.

WUSC McGill Local Committee

No parallel

To the Daily:

In response to Ian Cosh's letter of October 27, I find his drawing of parallels between the state of human rights in South Africa and that of other African countries completely disturbing. Although the Southern Africa Committee focuses on issues directly concerning South Africa and its neighbouring countries, we do not condone human rights violations in other countries, be they African or not. However, the situation in South Africa is totally different than anywhere else in the world, for it is the only country to have a policy of institutionalized racism — apartheid. The vast majority of South Africans have been oppressed solely because of the colour of their skin.

furthermore, the indisputable fact that this deeply entrenched racial oppression, and the corresponding lack of human rights for black south Africans, necessarily makes the South African situation worse than in any other country. Lastly, although it is imperative that South Africa remain prominent in the eyes of the international community, there is no good reason why other African nations should not join it.

Nityanand Deckha
U2 Anthropology and Philosophy
Co-Ordinator, Southern Africa Committee

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Gwen Schulman
Group for Research and Initiative for
the Liberation of Africa
History MA2

Do not resign

To the Daily:

I am writing in defense of MUS president, Johnson, in the wake of mounting pressure from LBGM to resign from his post. I do not believe that the offended parties will accomplish anything by calling for his resignation. Besides, President Johnson cannot be held responsible for the publication of the *Commerce Communiqué*.

In accepting its role as the spokesperson of the gays and lesbians of McGill, LBGM should try to promote goodwill by moving to shed and disband its probably unfair, ill-perceived image of an overzealous aggressive minority rights group. In light of this, might I suggest that rather than adopting such a harsh stance against the MUS, the offended parties call upon the MUS to implement measures to avoid a repeat of such a spectacle?

Pevvez Siddiqui
B.Com U1



Don't demote SAC

To the Daily:

The WUSC McGill Local Committee wishes to express its concern over the threat of Student's Society to end the special status of the McGill Southern Africa Committee. With an issue as clear and pressing as racism in South Africa (REMINDER: blacks still cannot vote.) we wonder why the SSMU is trying to distance itself from its won accepted policies against the holdout

Ed. note: Jonny Appleseed, we need your real name and department to print your letter and, Patrick Fruchet, we need your department.



All woman presently involved or interested in becoming involved in the *Daily* are encouraged to attend the meeting of the **WOMEN'S CAUCUS**.
Friday at 16h.
Union 107.



News writers, new and old, are urged to attend the news writers' meeting which will happen today at 17h, in Union B-03. Peter, with his jumpsuit, and Robin, with his evil giggle, will be waiting for you.

Events

An Israeli folkdance workshop featuring Yoram Rchmany, an Israeli choreographer from California. 20h. YMHA, Grover Auditorium, 5480 Westbury Ave, \$6. ^83-4283.

Black Students' Network weekly meeting, discussion of Clarence Thomas controversy. Union 401, Multicultural society lounge. 398-6815.

Concordia University presents two independent films from India: "Kasba," directed by Kumar Shahani, and "Portraits from a dream show," by Manjira Datta, today and tomorrow respectively, 20h30 and 17h00 respectively. \$2.75.

International Socialists "Reform or revolution." A meeting. 19h30 in Union 425/6.

Professor Donald MacRae, dean of the University of Ottawa Law School and chair of the Cdn Law Dean's Assn, speaking on "What's wrong with Canada's Law Schools," at 13h in rm 202 of New Chancellor Day Hall (3644 Peel St).

Lesbian and lesbian positive women are invited to gather each week in the work to uncover and unlearn our racism. Films, discussions, readings. 20h at Concordia's Women's Centre, 2090 MacKay. Info: 848-3593 or 848-3585.

International Relations Society meeting. Leacock 232. 18h30. All welcome. Info, discussion, donuts.

Racism and the Law. Montréal's black community responds: Dan Philip, of the Black Coalition of Québec, speaks on the killing of Marcellus François, and Kiven Tunting, of the Black Community Council of Québec, speaks on the Council's Legal Clinic. 12h. Faculty of Law, 3644 Peel St., rm 201.

Ads may be placed through the Daily business office, Room B-17, Union Building, 9h00-14h00. Deadline is 14h00, two working days prior to publication.

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by Lynn Chaiken

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- distorted body image
- absent or irregular menstruation
- denial of hunger, guilt or shame about eating
- depression

Because many students arrive at university from out of town and are not familiar with local support networks the *Daily* has compiled a list of services for the Montréal area.

• McGill Counselling services offers eight-week workshops every term entitled "Making Peace with Food." Workshops are presently booked up, but new support groups are to be formed. McGill Counselling also makes referrals to therapists and counselors. 398-3601.

• The Eating Disorder Program at Douglas Hospital in Verdun has in-patient and out-patient clinics available to anorexics and bulimics over the age of 17. Individuals can be referred by any health professional.

The clinic offers nutritional consultations, a one-day program, as well as counselling and support groups for patients, families and friends. 761-6131 ext. 22895.

• Montreal General Hospital offers a bulimia support group through its Behaviour Therapy Service. 934-8034.

• For those who eat excessively, contact Outremangeur-anonyme (overeaters anonymous) at 768-3939.

• St. Justine (345-4931) and Montreal Children's Hospitals (934-4400) offer clinics for youths with eating disorders.

• Concordia Women's Union is presently organizing a Body Image Conference for November 23 and 24. For more information about the (non-academic) workshops at the conference phone 848-7431.

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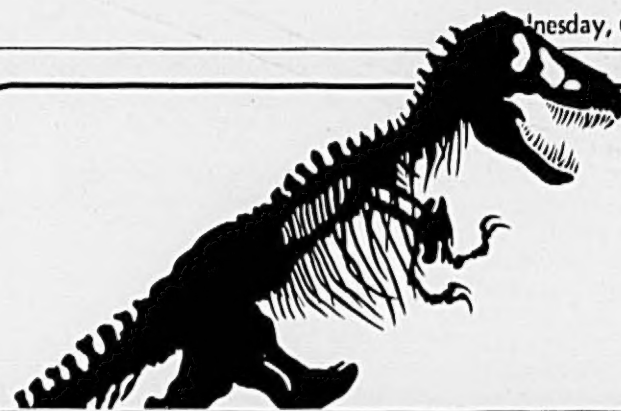
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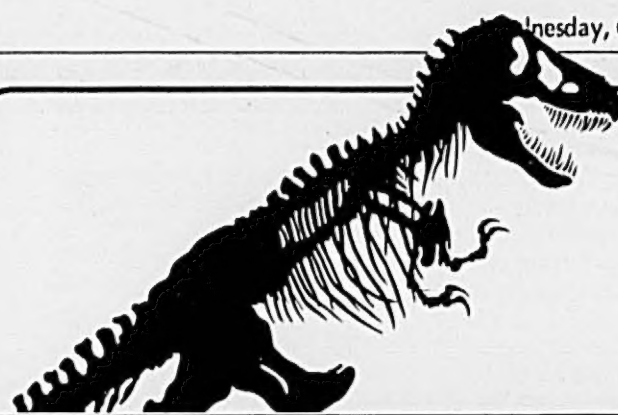
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